

AVAILABILITY SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

JANUARY 24, 2007

ATTENDEES: Brenda Lee, Dr. Marilea Miller Jim Williams, Renee' Kyttle, Dr. Jackie Douge', Leigh Joos, Amy Gunnarson, Quankeair Scott, Eileen McGrath, Monica Grant
Sent regrets: Mindy Rubin, Jeffrie Normoyle

Minutes of 12/13/06 Availability Meeting: Clarification made regarding discussion of dental/medical mobile clinic; this was one of several possible models discussed at that meeting.

Last ICCC Meeting: Brief summary of bylaw progress given by Monica Grant; an effort is being made to simplify bylaws with the intention of presenting a draft form to the entire coalition at a general meeting in early March (date yet to be confirmed).

Update on Dental Needs Assessment: Hood Intern, Nicole Hoff, was unable to attend this meeting as planned; Monica will check if she will be available to speak at the next or future Availability Committee meeting

Discussion of possible programs/funding sources:

Community Partnership/Kellogg Foundation Grant geared toward improving the health of Asian Americans was discussed; Elizabeth Chung is interested in pursuing this and has asked for assistance in writing the grant application; several committee members will offer to assist her with this. Details of the grant may be found at www.apiahf.org/programs/hta/Description_of_Grant.htm

Kaiser/BRIDGE Program briefly summarized by Jackie Douge'; Mindy Rubin of Kaiser will be discussing the program, which needs a community partner, with FCHD in early February. Committee members agreed that they would like to know more about this program. Jackie will invite Mindy Rubin to speak with us at our next or future meeting.

FCAA grant award will extend the eligibility requirements of individuals who can be served, increase clinic hours, and provide funds to create a web-based health resource guide; the committee is very interested in learning more about the impact this will have on the availability of care for the uninsured of Frederick County and CAA's anticipated program capacity. It is hoped that more information will be shared at the upcoming coalition meeting; the possibility of inviting Mike Spurrier to an Availability Committee meeting was also discussed.

Mobile medical and/or dental care model was discussed; general information shared by Dr. Miller regarding the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile Program; she will investigate this further and share info with the committee.

Mission of Mercy's program was briefly discussed; the committee would like to hear from Dave Liddle, CEO, regarding the organization's perception of continuing

community health needs and their experience with the mobile model. Eileen McGrath will invite Dave to speak at the committee's next or future meeting.

Medical Specialty Care concerns were briefly discussed; it was suggested that a REACH type program focusing on specialty care might augment care to be provided by the CAA clinic without creating an "overlap" of services. The possibility of partnering with local satellites offices of university/hospital centers (i.e Johns Hopkins, U of Md) was mentioned.

School Based Health Center Advisory Committee - update of efforts briefly shared by Jackie; they will be continuing their efforts toward establishing a care model which will serve Frederick County students and possibly area families.

Catholic Charities currently provides mental health services in Frederick County; their ability/interest in possibly partnering to provide medical services in our area will be investigated by the committee; initial contact to be made by Renee'.

Program Funding ideas were briefly discussed. Leigh will speak with the Community Foundation of Frederick regarding their program. The possibility of partnering with an existing non-profit/utilization of a fiscal agent was also mentioned.

Committee Chair Announcement – Brenda Lee shared that she will no longer be able to serve as chair of this committee due to extensive family/work/education commitments. Leigh Joos will act as chair with Dr. Miller continuing as co-chair.

Next Meeting -2/21/07 4-5:30pm at FMH (classroom location to be determined)

As noted in the discussion summary above, Dave Liddle, Mindy Rubin, and Nicole Hoff will all be invited to speak at the next or future meeting. Meeting time may change based on their availability